

## **Everyday Math II**

### **Entertainment Costs**

Every family has the power to dramatically reduce the amount of money that they spend on entertainment. By following a few of the following suggestions, families will have more money to allocate toward basic expenditures.

- Drastically cut your recreation costs by doing activities and games at home.  
Your family will grow closer.
- Enjoy human and natural environments, rather than depending upon purchased pleasures. Instead of buying expensive tickets to something, take a drive or tour an area that you have not previously visited.
- Take vacations at home. Do something special every day.
- Take advantage of learning opportunities; free trips and community services, school workshops, fairs, libraries, concerts, hikes, public tennis courts, home shows, clubs, and adult-education courses.
- Give up extra TV cable and satellite connections
- Check out books and magazines from the local library instead of buying them.  
Many libraries also have video tapes, records, cassettes and computers for loan.
- Cancel book, video and music club memberships and magazine subscriptions, especially those which remain unread for a long time.
- Exchange magazines with friends.
- Share a newspaper or get a day-old one from a library or friend.
- Smoking and drinking alcoholic beverages are expensive habits. You may want to reduce or eliminate them.